from the kitchen

By Joan Pinkham

Seven years and reams of copy ago, Marshfield's own spritely weekly made its debut. From their two-room basement office, Mike Stearns and David Cutler put together the April 13th issue with the help of a staff of two, Suzy Cutler and myself. Now, three more weeklies and a move to larger offices later. Thursday is MARINER day for many. Then when this little column came into being we pointed out that here was an opportunity for our readers to exchange ideas and share their favorite recipes. Our ever-faithful Margaret Ward was one of the first to write, sending this dish designed to serve 8.

CHOW MEIN CASSEROLE

1 can Spam, diced

1 pkg. frozen peas

1/4 c. grated cheese 1/4 to 1/2 c. chopped onion

1 c. chopped celery 1 c. bean sprouts

1 c. cream of chicken soup, undiluted

1/4 c. cream

Chinese noodles, warmed

Layer Spam and peas in large greased casserole. Add cheese onion, celery and bean sprouts. Cover with soup, then with cream. Bake at 350 degrees 35 min. Serve over Chinese noodles.

As with all anniversaries, the MARINER'S 7th seemed like a good time to look back. In reading earlier columns, one gets the feeling there are an awful lot of good cooks around. Even six years ago we were concerned with the high cost of food, and Ken Henderson was trying to interest people in setting up a food coop - wonder whatever became of that idea. Even in 1974, reader's were asking for meatless recipes, and Edna Hughes sent in this idea for a luncheon dish designed to

TUNA JACKSTRAW

14 oz. can shoestring potatoes 1 can mushroom soup

1 can tuna

1 6-oz. can evaporated milk

1 3-oz. can mushrooms

1/4 c. chopped pimentoes Reserve 1 cup of potatoes for topping. Combine remaining potatoes with other ingredients. Pour into half-quart casserole. Top with remaining

oven 20 to 25 min.

Another idea that has had its day is that of a Homemaker's Group which was

potatoes. Bake in 375 degree

composed of a group of young women who met one evening a week in each other's homes to knit, sew or exchange ideas, have workshops and sometimes speakers. I managed to make one or two meetings and one recipe I came away with is this wonderful biscuit mix which you store in glass jars or tin cans, close tightly and whenever you want hot biscuits or muffins, with a few little additions, you're all set. Here's the basic recipe for

BISCUIT MIX 8 c. sifted all-purpose flour 1 c. dry milk 1/4 c. baking powder 3 tsp. salt 1 c. shortening or lard

Sift dry ingredients together 3 times. Cut or rub in fat until consistency of cornmeal. Lift mix lightly into containers without packing. To make 12 medium-sized biscuits, measure out 2 c. of the mix and add 2/3 c. fluid milk or water. Combine lightly with fork or spoon enough so particles of dough still cling together. Turn into greased or lightly floured board. Pat out or knead 15 strokes. Roll 1/2" thick and cut. Bake on sheet in 450 degree oven for 10 to 12 min. Then, if you want to surprise your family with hot muffins for breakfast, or if

someone drops in for coffee, you just take:

2 c. biscuit mix

2 T sugar

2/3 c. fluid milk or water 2 T melted fat or salad oil

Add sugar to mix. Combine milk and beaten egg and add to mix. Stir only til flour is just moistened - about 15 strokes - after the first five strokes, add melted fat. Fill greased muffin tins 2/3 full. Bake in a 425 degree oven for about 20 min. You can add blueberries, raisins, nuts, chopped apples,

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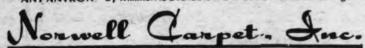
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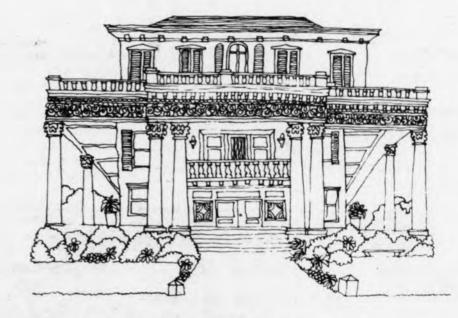


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